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UMW surrenders to the snow, student holiday extended

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News Editor

On Tuesday morning, students awoke to eagerly peer out windows, desperately searching for snow. Armed with snow boots, parkas and the promise of six inches, spirits were light and homework was nonexistent.

Winter storm Janus hit the Fredericksburg area around 11 a.m. on Tuesday morning and continued throughout Tuesday evening. According to the National Weather Service, the Fredericksburg area received a little over two inches, a far cry from the rumored six to eight that weather forecasters predicted.

While Tuesday's snowfall fell short of the 2009-2010 "Snowmageddon," the winter storm produced some of the most substantial snowfall in the Fredericksburg area since the 54.3 inches that Snowmageddon yielded.

Surrounding Stafford, Spotsylvania and Caroline counties cancelled school on Monday evening, while the University of Mary Washington announced closures and inclement weather preparations early Tuesday morning. As the snow picked up throughout the evening, UMW announced a two-hour delay for Wednesday morning. The school eventually chose to cancel classes for the day, but many commuter students were not pleased with UMW's initial decision.

"I'm glad that they decided to close instead of just delaying," said senior historic preservation major Tasha Horton. "Given the large population of commuter students and the state that the roads were in at the time they made their

call, I feel like closing should have been their initial choice."

In the past, the University's decision to opt for late openings over cancellations have garnered negative responses from commuter students.

"I think it's unrealistic to expect students to commute from any distance in conditions already deemed unsafe by local public schools. These calls are made for a reason," said junior

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- Emily Enterline

very difficult," said Vice President for Administration and Finance Richard Pearce in the email sent Wednesday morning.

As UMW did not have classes on Monday due to observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, students were given a five-day weekend and an extremely truncated school week. Some students utilized their time off to catch up on homework, while others enjoyed the snow, including sophomores Lindsey Nebhut and Gloria Kamole who spent their time sledding.

"We made our own sled, and we've just been out here sledding," said Nebhut, geography major. She and Kamole, fashioned their sled out of a trashcan lid and recycling bag and utilized the Marshall hill as their playground.

Other students stayed inside and away from the cold.

"I slept and ate pancakes," said junior psychology major Peyton Spivey.

According to the NWS, this winter is supposed to be heavy on snowfall. If Tuesday's storm is any indication of the winter to

come, students may find themselves missing a lot of class this semester, or falling prey to weatherman over-reaction.

With the weather forecast not expected to rise above 27 degrees for the remainder of the week, students can look forward to the snow staying around for several days to come.

At the time of publication, the University of Mary Washington is scheduled to open at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 23.



Courtesy of Meghan Cardwell

The Fredericksburg area received two inches of snow, resulting in UMW closing for two days.

What did you do with the snow days?



Hope Racine/Bullet

"We made a sled and went sledding."

Lindsey Nebhut- sophomore geography major

Gloria Kampole- sophomore English major



Ginny Clark/ Bullet

Other students used the day off to have snowball fights and enjoy the cold weather.



Courtesy of Ally Thames

"I slept and ate pancakes."

Peyton Spivey- junior psychology major

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Police Beat

By CHRIS MARKHAM
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VANDALISM

On Jan. 13, vandalism was reported on the fifth floor of Eagle Landing around 8 p.m. Two administrative referrals were given.

A report of vandalism was issued around 10:30 p.m. on Jan. 16 in Monroe Hall. The case is pending.

There was a report of vandalism on the fourth floor of Eagle Landing on Jan. 18 around 2 a.m. The case is pending.

There was a report of vandalism in Monroe hall on Jan. 18 around 11 a.m. The case is pending.

Vandalism was reported in Eagle Landing on Jan. 19 at 3 p.m. The case is pending.

LARCENY

On Jan. 13, petit larceny was reported on William St. lot number 30 between 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. The case is pending.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS

Two administrative referrals were given for illegal possession of drugs and paraphernalia as well as alcohol violations, on Jan. 15 on the third floor on Jefferson Hall.

Two students on the third floor of Jefferson Hall were given administrative referrals on Jan. 15 for alcohol violations.

On Jan. 17, three administrative referrals were given due to underage possession of alcohol and furnishing of alcohol to minors around 11:30 p.m. on Franklin St.

A student was issued an administrative referral on Sunken Rd. for underage possession of alcohol at around midnight the night of Jan. 18.

The information was compiled with assistance from UMW Police Manager James DeLoatch and Fredericksburg Police Department Public Information Officer Natalia Bledsoe.

The Bulletin will publish the names of students who are formally charged by the University of Mary Washington Campus Police or the Fredericksburg Police Department to have committed acts of extreme violence against members of the UMW community or pose a large threat to that community, when names are released to the public. The Bulletin will publish names and write articles about criminal acts on a case-by-case basis according to the aforementioned parameters.



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Hyatt Place hotel opens in Eagle Village

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The Hyatt Place hotel in Fredericksburg, located in Eagle Village, opened on Tuesday Jan. 21. Built by the University of Mary Washington Foundation, the Hyatt Place is the first boutique hotel of its kind, according to Jim Fournier, general manager of the hotel.

The hotel will serve the university, downtown Fredericksburg and the Mary Washington Health Sys-

tem, according to Fournier. "Hyatt Place Fredericksburg at Mary Washington is located in a very desirable and historic area, and we're looking forward to creating a positive travel experience for each and every guest that walks through our doors," Fournier said.

The five story hotel contains 93 rooms, including 89 studios, three executive suites and one presidential suite. The Hyatt Place also has an indoor, heated salt-water pool, a fitness center, a meeting space, a courtyard

with fire pit bars and fountains and 24-hour food and beverage service in the gallery lobby, according to University Relations.

Jeff Rountree, chief executive officer of the UMW Foundation, said that the hotel will provide new jobs and additional meeting spaces, as well as first-class lodging.

The hotel, while owned by the UMW foundation, will be managed by Interstate Hotel and Resorts.

The Hyatt Place is open just in time for UMW fam-

ilies to book rooms for the upcoming spring graduation.

"I think it is great for families because it is so close to campus and will make it easy for them to get to graduation early and not have to worry about parking the day of," said business major Caroline Filippone.

"It seems like a very convenient place for families to stay during graduation," said historic preservation major, Rebecca Smith.



Ginny Clark/Bullet

The Hyatt Place hotel has been under construction since the spring 2013 semester, and opened on Tuesday, Jan. 21 in Eagle Village.

This Week's Campus Briefing:

A guide to the events at the University of Mary Washington and Fredericksburg Community. Compiled from information provided in the UMW newsletter EagleEye.



Religious Freedom Lecture

UMW will honor Thomas Jefferson's Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom with a lecture by Amina Wadud, professor emerita at Virginia Commonwealth University. The lecture, "Whose Freedom? Islam, Gender and the Politics of Representation," will take place on Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium. The lecture is free to the public.

Public Lecture by Michael Signer

"The Search for Statesmen: The Quest for Leadership in James Madison's Democracy," will be held on Monday Feb. 3. The lecture is free to the public and will be presented by Signer, a visiting full professor at the school of public and international affairs at Virginia Tech.

Historic Preservation Rap Video

Historic Preservation students used a rap video to show their knowledge of the National Register of Historic Places. The video was a final project for assistant professor Andrea Smith's Historic Preservation 405 Survey and Preservation Planning class this past fall. The video is on YouTube and has more than 6,000 views.

UMW's own named CODA vice president

KELSEY WHEATON
Staff Writer

Kevin Bartram, conductor of the University of Mary Washington Philharmonic Orchestra, was a recently appointed vice president of the College Orchestra Directors Association.

Bartram will take his position as vice president next week at the group's national conference in Fort Worth, Texas.

As vice president, Bartram will be responsible for fundraising and bringing in new directors and performers to the organization. He will also be the webmaster for their site, codaweb.org.

According to Bartram, his duties as vice president for the large organization will not interfere with his role as conductor of the UMW Philharmonic Orchestra, a position he has held for over ten years. Instead, this position will supplement his duties at the university.

Bartram said he hopes, through the position, to make the university more visible on a national and international level.

Following a one-year term as vice president, Bartram will move up to the position of president-elect and eventually be

appointed president of the organization for the 2015-2016 academic year. He will become the first president elected from a Division III school.

In addition to receiving congratulations from the University itself, Bartram also received a letter from Sen. Mark Warner, in which he congratulated Bartram on his "commitment to the common good," which has "made a lasting impact on the arts community."

In his appointment as vice president, Bartram hopes to continue to make an impact on the arts community. As vice president, he plans to create an exchange program that works closely with the Argentinian Ministry of Culture, giving Argentinian performers the opportunity to travel to North America, as well as having performers from North America travel to Argentina.

Bartram says that creating new ambassador opportunities is one of his goals as vice-president, and the exchange program with the Argentinian Ministry of Culture would be an opportunity to make connections and spread advocacy for live classical music across the globe.



Courtesy of Eagle Eye

Bartram has been a conductor at UMW for over ten years.

While he has two years before he will become president of the organization, Bartram is looking forward to the opportunity to serve as vice-president. He stated that it is largely through his expe-

rience with the university that he was elected to this position.

"I'm happy to get our name out there more," he said. "It shows that small schools can still think big."

VIEWPOINTS

Snow days reflect senior attitude

The semester started with its usual bang but quickly turned into nothing but a fizzle. One full week of classes down and then the entire Commonwealth of Virginia essentially shut down for fear of another "Snowmageddon." And boy are we all thankful.

With news of possible five inches of snow, students across Fredericksburg updated weather apps and email in hopes of a day off.

The snow that shut down the University of Mary Washington served students very well with two days off in an already shortened week due to Monday's observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

What did we do with our time? Studied our Netflix, feasted on comfort food and made pajamas a fashion statement. Sure, some students might have done some homework, but why not push it to the weekend now

that the week is almost over?

Most of us have nowhere to be if class is canceled, so there was nothing to do but laze around in hope of another snow day—because why not have a one day week instead of two?

There is no doubt of this being the easiest final semester

not be canceled at so slight an expulsion from the sky. Thanks to Virginians' incompetence for dealing with snow, or precipitation of any sort really, students are free for almost a week.

When Tuesday dawned without a flake in the sky, many students were probably wondering why the school acted so cautiously in canceling a full day of classes. But by the time Tuesday night drew around, and student's received notification of the two-hour delay, the rage was palpable all through campus.

Yet, on Wednesday morning, everyone praised Marty Morrison, the bearer of good news and canceled class, who informed all of our extra day of TV, hot cocoa and the occasional snow fight. So enjoy the day off, don't be too productive and wish very hard for a terrible ice storm to hit so we can write off this entire week.

for seniors thus far. With only a few classes and an apathetic viewpoint, this week seems to reflect seniors' attitudes.

For us at the Bulletin, which runs regardless of weather difficulties and school cancellations, having Wednesday off gives us a full day to work without the struggle of classes.

The best part of this week is that if we were in any other state, school would most likely



New coach, same problems for the cursed "Dead-Skins"

COLEMAN HOPKINS
Staff Writer

The Washington Redskins recently finished up a season of woes, which many die hard fans can't forget fast enough.

With a new coach to replace Mike Shanahan, many fans are hopeful that the burgundy and gold can reclaim the glory days of Theismann and Gibbs under a hot, young offensive genius.

Given the Redskins' history under Dan Snyder, specifically with young offensive-minded coaches, you have to ask yourself, "Will this happen, will the team turn it around?" When you consider the stats, the records and the constant meddling by the owner, you have to go with: no.

In fact, the Skins could hire any coach out there and still flop. The reason is the fault of one man: the owner, Dan Snyder.

The biblical plague that is Snyder could well be the fifty year curse because his interfering in team affairs is incurable, as is his obsequiousness to "star" players, neither of which are subject to change; failure has made its home in Washington and is nursed by a greedy and ignorant owner.

To understand this incredible era of mediocrity, you need to look back at the team's recent history.

As the Skins owner since the spring of 1999, following the passing of longtime owner Jack Kent Cooke in the then biggest sports deal ever (he purchased them for \$800 million), Snyder generated the reputation of a less than desirable man to work for.

In the 'Snyder Era,' there has been a litany of losing seasons and a myriad of terrible personnel decisions, coaches and players alike, all stemming from Snyder.

Starting with the coaching, these errors go back to 2000. On Dec. 4 Snyder fired Norv Turner, who had the team in every game with a winning record (7-6); the Skins did not make the playoffs that year, losing the remainder of their games.

Moreover, he won Super Bowls with the Cowboys as a coach and had a decent record with the Skins.

The rashness of this decision is seen through its comparison to other teams' actions: in the modern era, he is the only coach to be fired halfway through a season with a winning record.

The next man up to the plate was Marty Shottenheimer, who lasted all of one season.

Last year, Snyder reflected on the firing, saying, "He was insistent on doing it all, that was something that I don't think works, one guy can't do everything. He was a machine on that front." This can translate to: "He didn't want me interfering with his job, which as the owner, I ought to be allowed to do." However, Marty went on to enjoy a mostly positive record with the Chargers.

More hilarity ensued in the following year during the "Steve Spurrier Era." Starting things off with the first losing season since 1998, things only looked bleaker for the future South Carolina coach. 2003 proved even worse for the Skins (they earned a 5-11 mark), and Spurrier jumped ship with several years left on his contract.

Many speculated that it was due to a hostile relationship with the owner, who, by this time, was known around the league as the type of owner who had to have his hand in everything.

As bad as the first years of the Snyder ownership were, they pale in comparison to what came next. Joe Gibbs, the former head coach and hall of famer, was enjoying the ownership of a NASCAR championship team when Snyder reached out to him to coach the Skins.

To sweeten the already immense contract, Snyder made it known that he would not intervene. Gibbs accepted, and on his watch, prior to the season (Spring 2004), 'The Trade' happened. The Washington

Redskins traded their future hall of fame cornerback, Champ Bailey (who is in the AFC title game this weekend) and a second-round draft pick to the Denver Broncos for running back Clinton Portis, with whom Snyder would share a "buddy-buddy" relationship in which he doted on him at the expense of his head coach's authority over his team. 'The Trade' was in fact Snyder's brainchild, which is chalked up by league experts as a monumental "bust."

The fact that it is still being joked about a decade provides a barometer for just how awful this trade was. Gibb's second tenure as head coach was short and mediocre; he had mostly losing seasons and retired (again) in 2008.

Doing his best impression of Cowboy's owner Jerry Jones, Snyder hired Zorn, who had only ever been a quarterback's coach, from offensive coordinator to head coach. The wet-eared Jim Zorn took the reins next and was gone in two years. The lone highlight was the \$100 million acquisition of Albert Haynesworth and the carousel of GMs. The Haynesworth deal was also seen as a tremendous failure as the once all pro barely contributed to the team and was

later traded to New England. The latest coach, Shanahan, lasted from 2010 to 2013, and featured several losses, lots of drama, and a highly controversial gamble for the Baylor star, Robert Griffen III (RG3), which remains a question mark. Following mediocre campaigns in

2010 and 2011, 2012 looked to be their year.

Due to the sensational play by RG3, the team looked poised to win big in Seattle, in the first round of the playoffs.

However, overuse of RG3 and neglect of his knee ailments caused him to tear his LCL, and the Skins' subsequent loss the Seahawks. 2013 was a year of strife and conflict between Snyder and Shanahan in which the team collected only three wins.

Following this terrible year, Shanahan was let go.

Now, the Skins have hired Gruden, the eighth coach in 15 years. Some fans are holding out hope that this will be different, which it may well be: Snyder hired the GM, who hired Gruden, which may be a big step forward for the Redskins.

However, I am highly skeptical that one step forward won't be two steps back for Dan Snyder. Historically, he has appeared to make a seemingly sound decision, only to shoot himself in the foot later. For example, he went out and cut a deal for Clinton Portis, an explosive young running back, in exchange for a pick in the draft and a cornerback, who, ten years later is still dominating the league while Clinton golfs with Snyder on weekends.

This once great franchise, thanks to their owner, has become the laughing stock of the division, and, aside from one or two other teams, the Conference as well.

No matter whom Snyder brings to the team, player or coach, they will still fail. He just is not content with sitting back and enjoying the show; he has to be tweek with the team and voice his opinion.

The results of such meddling are apparent: Clinton Portis' refusal to work out in practice, and the assertion by some that Shanahan was curtailed in his efforts to coach RG3 on dropping

back because the quarterback only had to report to Danny.

A striking image of the season past would be the sacking of RG3 in the 49ers game and his linemen's refusal to help him up, providing some legitimacy to the argument that the special treatment of RG3 affected the entire team.

With Gruden's work cut out for him on the field, and in the front office, the question is whether 2014 will bring many wins.

It is not the talent or the coaching, or even the drafting (which has actually been very solid), but it is an owner who does not know football, trying to run a football team while simultaneously being pals with the players.

All of this begs the question: was the Shanahan episode the tipping point, in which Snyder has seen the error of his ways, or was this to be another mile-marker on the Snyder road to ruin?

Given the history of Snyder as an owner of the Redskins, the losses, the horrible personnel decisions, the deference to star players and the desire to micromanage the team, I think it is fair to say that the events of the past season were anything but an anomaly; Snyder is going to continue to drag this team down as he has always done, and no coach can change that.

With that being said, you have to scratch your head in wonder what could be if the Skins had a different owner, since the situation they are in right now is not dissimilar to the seemingly precarious spot the now NFC Champion Seahawks were in around 2009-2010: a team loaded with talented and just needing direction from a strong head coach.

Unlike the Seahawks, the Redskins will not realize their potential with a self-destructive owner undoing any progress they make, because it has to be all about Danny Snyder, not the team.

Through the Pages

Compelling opinions from major publications this week.

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"There is a myth in America: if you have a strong moral compass, work hard and make good choices, you will have equal opportunity. But after two years of listening to and documenting low-income families in rural America (for our forthcoming feature-length documentary 'Rich Hill,' we have witnessed a starkly unequal playing field."

-Tracy Droz Tragos and Andrew Droz Palermo, New York Times

"It is impossible to read the indictment - with its repeated examples of cash, vacations, gifts, loans, private jets, vacation houses and baubles swapped for official access and favors - without seeing that Mr. McDonnell debased the office he held and that Mrs. McDonnell was complicit in that tawdry work."

-Editorial Board, Washington Post

"After the famous bridge incident, this amounts to a second scandal for Christie, causing enough smoke to make even a skeptic wonder whether there might be fire somewhere. But the Zimmer story also seems too good — or awful — to be true. Hence, the nagging question, heard from pundits to pedestrians: Why now?"

-Kathleen Parker, Washington Post

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The biblical plague that is Snyder could well be the fifty year curse.



Former head coach Mike Shanahan (right) was let go after this past season.

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VIEWPOINTS

Reverence and respect still lacking throughout nation on MLK day



Courtesy of Flickr

The Martin Luther King Jr. memorial in Washington, D.C. opened Oct. 16, 2011 to honor the famous civil rights leader's achievements and legacy.

SEAN REDMILES
Guest Writer

This past Monday we celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. day, a holiday that falls every year on the Monday after January 15th, the reverend's birthday.

For some students and government employees, Martin Luther King Jr. Day represents a three day weekend that provides a much cherished day off before the long coming months of no holidays. Most would say that Martin Luther King Jr. Day commemorates the achievements of the great civil rights leader who changed America with his words and actions.

Others would say that the day gives Americans a chance to reflect on how far we have

come in terms of race relations and how far we have yet to go.

To determine just how much has changed one can look back on the history of civil rights: from emancipation to the end of Reconstruction and the beginning of Jim Crow, to the march on Washington and the signing of the Voting Rights Act, to the election of this country's first African American president.

To see how far we still need to go though, one can simply look to the history of the holiday itself.

Though Martin Luther King Jr. Day became a holiday in 1983, all 50 states did not begin celebrating it together until 2000.

In 1990, the population of Arizona voted by 76 percent in

a referendum to reject Martin Luther King Jr. day as a state holiday, despite appeals by Sen. John McCain to accept it.

Until the year 2000, Virginia celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day on the same Monday as the state holiday Lee-Jackson day, celebrating the birthdays of the two famous confederate generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson.

There is an obvious inappropriateness in celebrating the birthday of the nation's greatest civil rights leader on the same day as confederate generals who, if successful, would have perpetuated black slavery for decades.

Eventually, the governor of Virginia changed this state policy.

The last state to finally recognize Martin Luther King Day was South Carolina in 2000, which should come as no surprise to anyone who knows the history of South Carolina.

Even in the present year there have been issues with the celebration of the holiday.

Auburn, Mich. recently voted not to formally recognize MLK day and close down government offices.

Officially, the city said they needed to eliminate a paid holiday for budgetary reasons and chose Martin Luther King Jr. Day because it represents one man, and other holidays, such as Veteran's day that might have been rejected are more inclusive of all peoples and races.

"If you didn't have Veterans

Day, you wouldn't have Martin Luther King Jr. Day because veterans kept this country free and kept us going," said Mayor Lee Kilbourne.

This attitude toward MLK day and the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. must change.

The cause that King fought for was not just for African-Americans. Martin Luther King Jr. fought for America to eliminate another layer of hypocrisy. "Abraham" Lincoln peeled away the first layer when he freed the slaves and brought America in line with its value of liberty for all. Martin Luther King Jr. peeled away the second by bringing America in line with its value of equality for all.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is not just a celebration of Af-

frican-American rights and improvements in race relations in this country, though that was a significant part and deserves proper recognition.

It is a celebration of civil rights, which by definition means rights for all citizens of the nation.

There has never been just one front in the fight for freedom and equality for America.

The battle was waged as much in the streets of Birmingham as in the beaches of Normandy, and the third Monday of January represents this struggle in the person of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

There is no more important or inclusive holiday in the calendar year, and it is time the entire country recognizes that.

'CNN Heroes' misdefines the word in selection of their winner

SARAH GRAMMAR
Staff Writer

Ask a five-year-old girl what a hero is, and she may say Prince Charming; ask her when she is older, and her answer might change to some political figure or even her mother.

While a boy of five years might say Batman is a hero, ask him again when he is twenty, and, though he might still say Batman, the answer could also change to a professional athlete or politician.

What does our society think a hero is? It is surely not a hand-

some prince who always shows up at the last second, or a crime fighting rich guy in a decked out suit. We moved far past the days where you could identify a hero by their ability to slay dragons and woo princesses. So what identifies heroes then?

Judging by CNN's popular

award show titled, "CNN Heroes," it appears that a hero is not only someone who is a leader, but someone who also strives to help those who cannot help themselves.

CNN finds everyday people in communities all over the world who are reaching out to

increase the quality of life for those around them. These people devote their lives to others and for many excellent reasons. The 2013 top CNN hero of the year, Chad Pregracke, dedicated his life to cleaning up the Mississippi River when he realized no one else was bothering to do it.

He first started pulling up tires, washing machines and other discarded items out of the river fifteen years ago and has since then gained about 70,000 volunteers. Is this really heroism though? Cleaning up a mess no one should have made in the first place? Sure it is a great thing for us and for the environment, but should it be considered heroic?

Another CNN Hero, Kakenya Ntaiya, is from Kenya. In her village girls are expected to marry young, and to whom ever they are told to be married to by their fathers. According to CNN, most girls do not even finish primary school before they must quit to prepare for marriage. It is mandated in Ntaiya's village that girls at the age of fourteen go through a genital mutilation ceremony. When growing up, Ntaiya knew that soon she would have to drop out of school, go through the ceremony and marry. Initially she rebelled and refused to go through the ceremony, but Ntaiya loved school and wanted to stay. She convinced her father to let her continue with her education if she continued with the ceremony. He agreed.

She graduated high school and even got a scholarship to go to college in the United States. After graduating in 2009 she set

up a school for girls back in her village, hoping to assist them in excelling in their education.

Since then, her success has only grown. She is making a difference in her community and gave these young girls the opportunity to have some direction over their own lives.

How could CNN even compare Pregracke's story to that? Both Pregracke and Ntaiya made important contributions to society, but I would not say they were both heroic. If Ntaiya had failed at her goal, not only would she have lost what was important to her, but the girls she is now helping would never have had the opportunity to continue their education and be something more than somebody's wife.

If Pregracke had never started cleaning up the river, then the people living near it would have eventually been affected by the pollution, but any of them could have done what he did. He has 70,000 volunteers; he is not standing alone like Ntaiya did. Pregracke did not go against his family, or tradition to accomplish his goals; no one stood in his way.

One would say a hero is someone who overcomes obstacles, sometimes dangerous ones. What obstacles were in his way that could not be easily solved? What dangers did he face?

While we could all help the environment more, not many of us could have crossed the boundaries that Ntaiya did to gain what she wanted out of life, and even more of us would not have gone back to help others do the same.

That is what I call a hero.



Courtesy of Flickr

Kakenya Ntaiya was a finalist for the CNN heroes award this past season. She was nominated for her work in girls education.

STYLE

Save The Arcadian rocks the Underground

By Aerial Merillat
Staff Writer

Students went out and celebrated the first weekend of the semester by seeing UMW's very own, Save the Arcadian, perform last Friday, Jan. 17, at the Underground.

The band, composed of UMW students past and present gave an once entertaining and lively performance following comedian Ty Burnett at 9 p.m.

Save the Arcadian is no stranger to the UMW crowd, having performed on campus several times in the past. The band's energetic and compelling sets never fail to draw a large number of students to listen to their original and quirky songs, including fan favorites such as "Liar!" and "Dance Floor." The band performed songs from their latest album, "How'd They Get Up There."

The band was born out of a love story suitable for the plot line of a John Hughes movie. A couple of guys making music on Campus Walk outside of Trinkle Hall one afternoon stumbled upon another student. The stars aligned and what would soon be known as UMW's Save the Arcadian was born.

Best friends, talented musicians, catchy songs and humorous attitudes proved to be a recipe for magic. The lights dimmed, the band came onstage and the crowd began to cheer before an unnecessary introduction was even made. The room belted out lyrics from the chorus of several songs and danced unashamedly to others. It was evident the effect Save the Arcadian had on the crowd and the



Courtesy of Flickr

Save the Arcadian performed songs from their new album "How'd They Get Up There?" at the Underground on Friday.

dynamic energy they brought with them to the Underground.

As the night progressed, Save the Arcadian won the hearts of many students present.

Emily Hanson, sophomore, political science major, commented, "The band brings a lot of energy to the stage. Their chemistry was evident in their music and performance."

Sophomore, Geography and

"I wasn't expecting to be blown away by their talent, but I'm glad that I was!"

- Kacie Waters-Heflin.

Studio Art major, Kacie Waters-Heflin agreed.

"I was honestly surprised by how amazing they were. I wasn't expecting to be blown away by their talent, but I'm glad that I was!" said Waters-Heflin.

Whether it be the eclectic arrangement of instruments, such as cello, keyboard, mandolin, guitar and drums, that

give the band their unique sound, or the hilarious chemistry shown through conversations between songs, Save the Arcadian never fails to entertain and humor the UMW crowd. Their performance Friday night was yet another success and a great way to start off the first weekend of a new semester.

Resturant Week is back in downtown Fredericksburg

By JACY ELDER
Staff Writer

All you foodies looking to try some of Fredericksburg's best offerings without breaking your budget can look no further than the annual Fredericksburg Restaurant Week, running from Jan. 17 through Jan. 27.

Sponsored by the Fredericksburg Department of Economics and Tourism, the event offers different price-fixes at a number of Fredericksburg's greatest restaurants. Participating restaurants transform, explore and create delicious food for its customers in an effort to bring in new business.

This event could be a great date idea or even a fun outing with a group of friends. No matter what the reason for attending Restaurant Week is, it is simply a great opportunity to go explore the various restaurants downtown Fredericksburg has to offer.

24 restaurants are participating this year, a list that is sure to offer food that will appeal to any taste bud. This year, the price of a two-course lunch will be \$10.14, and a three-course dinner \$20.14.

Restaurants in downtown Fredericksburg are known to draw the attraction of the University of Mary Washington's

students, and this event allows the community to sample the foods of restaurants for great prices.

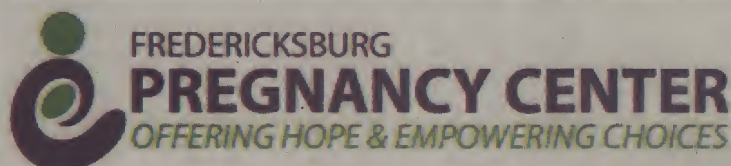
The opportunity Restaurant Week provides embodies the city's motto of shopping local. What better way is there to support the downtown Fredericksburg community than to eat at one of the many unique and tasty restaurants.

Sample menus for many of all the participating restaurants can be found at visitfred.com. With a plethora of restaurants to choose from, at least a handful are sure to appeal to even the pickiest of eaters.



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FOODE is one of the many participating restaurants in Fredericksburg's Restaurant Week.



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STYLE

Professor Profile

An interview with Professor Gary Richards, of the department of English, linguistics and communication gives an interview on his experience as a professor, author and theatre participant.



Courtesy of Gary Richards

Richards has been a professor at UMW since 2005.

By Aerial Merillat
Staff Writer

Gary Richards is chair of and an associate professor in the English, linguistic, and communication department. He earned his Ph.D. and Master of Art from Vanderbilt University and his bachelor's degree from Trinity University. He specializes in genres such as Southern literature and culture, American fiction, contemporary drama and sexuality studies. In 2005 he wrote, "Lovers and Beloveds: Sexual Otherness in Southern Fiction, 1936-1961." He writes articles and often discusses his area of study. Professor Richards has been at UMW since the fall of 2008.

What classes do you teach at UMW?

My usual rotations are I teach Modern American Fiction, Contemporary American Fiction, Southern Literature. This semester I am doing Contemporary American Drama. I also teach First Year Seminars from time to time

Why did you choose to teach at UMW?

I had been at the University of New Orleans, at the time, about 18,000 student public institution. I had been teaching

or sexuality studies, and I said, "hot dog I have both of these!"

What inspired you to write your book "Lovers and Beloveds: Sexual Otherness in Southern Fiction, 1936-1961?"

It was my dissertation and was planned from the beginning to be a marketable book. Therefore, it draws on multiple authors of differing races and genders and tries to add something new to sexuality studies by looking at same-sex desire, incest and interracial sexuality in southern fiction at the middle of the twentieth century. In the mid-1990s, when I was in graduate school, queer studies had emerged, and yet few people had applied that critical lens to southern literature.

Do you plan on writing any other books?

I am at work on a new book surveying literary representations of male same-sex desire as imagined in the literature of New Orleans. That city has long had a history of being associat-

there since 1997. I was there at the time of Hurricane Katrina, and I evacuated so I was not there for the actual hurricane. I lost my car, and my house flooded. I pretty much lost everything other than what I took



Courtesy of UMW Theatre
Professor Richards posing with a student on graduation day.

with me, more of an issue, the university just never bounced back. So I was looking for another position in an English department that did southern literature and sexuality studies. Three years after Katrina, Mary Washington advertised a job for someone who did American literature and they wanted specialties in either southern

ed with sexual exuberance and deviance, and there is a wealth of texts associated with New Orleans that deals with male homosexuality. Writers I am looking at include Harriet Beecher Stowe, Kate Chopin, William Faulkner, Tennessee Williams, John Kennedy Toole, and a range of contemporary writers, such as Anne and Christopher Rice.

Have you written anything else, besides your book?

In addition to "Lovers and Beloveds," I have written a series of articles that typically look at gender, race and sexuality in southern literature. Several are devoted to southern dramatists, such as Beth Henley, Alfred Uhry, Jim Grimsley and Tennessee Williams. Another essay, collected in "Faulkner's Sexualities," assesses Faulkner's time in New Orleans in the 1920s when he was living with the gay architect William Spradling. Another essay, collected in "Comics and the U.S. South," looks at Howard Cruse's graphic memoir "Stuck Rubber Baby." The latest thing I have been at work on is, "Tennessee Williams and the Burden of Southern Sexuality Studies," which is slated to come out this year in a collection from Oxford University Press.

What have you accomplished that you are most proud of?

I'm proud of carrying through on two decisions I made last year, both of which took me outside my comfort zone. One was agreeing to chair the Department of English, Linguistics, and Communication. It has been challenging, and I have made missteps, but it is also allowed me to learn about an entirely different side of the academy. The other was facilitated by Gregg Stull, the chair of Theatre and Dance, who approached me to be the narrator in the university's production of "Into the Woods." It turned out it was a hell of a lot of work, but I loved every minute of it.

What piece of advice do you give to students the most?

The most cynical one I give is that "D" stands for diploma. The purpose of that is I had worked with some honor students, who were very subconscious about grades. I myself was that way a bit. If you do not do as well on an assignment, do not fret about it. Move on to the next thing. To quote Stephen Sondheim "just keep moving on."

Staff Picks: Favorite break movies

-Frozen

-American Hustle

-Grudge Match

-The Hobbit: Desolation of Smog

-Saving Mr. Banks

-Lone Survivor

-The Fall

-Her

-The Importance of Being Earnest

-12 Years a Slave

-Long Walk to Freedom



Courtesy of Flickr
Joaquin Phoenix stars as a man who falls for an O.S. in Her.

"Her," written and directed by Spike Jonze, is one of the best movies of 2013, and one of the most creative and meaningful motion pictures of recent years. It's thought-provoking, emotionally compelling storyline draws the viewer into its unique plotline. The story may seem far-fetched, but it is grounded in astute observations of the powerful effect of human relationships and presents an intriguing, yet disturbing look at what the future may hold for such human interaction.

Did 'American Hustle' hustle its way to the top of the awards season?



American Hustle is an award winning film featuring from left Amy Adams, Bradley Cooper, Jeremy Renner, Christian Bale and Jennifer Lawrence.

By Calli Pugh
Staff Writer

The awards season is descending upon the American public and all eyes are turning to the films nominated for the Academy Award's best picture, and "American Hustle," which made a clean sweep at the Golden Globes last week, is a forerunner.

With its four principle actors nominated in either the best lead or supporting category, not

to mention the films presence in almost every other category, is "American Hustle" as good as the critics and the awards have made it out to be?

Christian Bale plays the main character of Irving Rosenfeld, a con man with an elaborate comb over and a surprising sense of integrity. The normally fit Bale seen in action films such as "The Dark Knight" gained 40 pounds for his role.

Amy Adams captures the

distraught and cunning con woman of Sydney Prosser, fitting right into several low-neck costumes and the right hand of Rosenfeld.

Bradley Cooper, and his' rather ridiculous hair, play their part of the wild FBI agent, Richie DiMaso, who is obsessed with uncovering corruption in New Jersey politics.

And then of course there is the bombshell Jennifer Lawrence as Rosalyn, Rosenfeld's

clumsy and absent-minded wife. Though it is a completely different role from her famed Katniss Everdeen of "The Hunger Games" series, Lawrence delves deep into the child-like mind and tight dresses of Rosalyn, the curvy thorn in Rosenfeld's side.

Another highlight of the film is Jeremy Renner in the role of Carmine Polito, mayor of Camden, N.J. Renner portrays Polito as a kind, caring man

who loves his town and his constituents and is possibly the only character one can truly feel any sympathy for.

The focus of "American Hustle" is the characters, and by the end it is hard to see anything left of the actor. The plot of the film is difficult, yet surprising. The focus is on setting up the characters' flaws and relationships and the talented actors inhabit their roles perfectly, leaving the plot fairly unim-

portant to the movies impact.

This hurts the film in the end because, while the actors portrayed their characters exceptionally well, without a core plot to focus on, it leaves the film's ending with a hollow feeling. However, if you are looking for a fun, star-studded film, "American Hustle" is the film to see.

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Community helps homeless

UMW professor Leslie Martin rallied students and staff to aid the Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness.

VICTORIA MOORE
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington participated in a statewide initiative to place homeless families in permanent housing last November. Through joint student and faculty fundraisers, the UMW community raised approximately \$5,000 for the program.

According to the Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness (VCEH) website, the Rapid Re-Housing Challenge spanned over 100 days with a goal of housing 750 families. VCEH reports that as of Jan. 13, 2014 the campaign housed a total of 450 families. Various organizations and communities took part in the challenge to help families move out of shelters and into their own homes.

The Fredericksburg area participated in the campaign through the Central Virginia Housing Coalition, setting a goal of housing 35 local families. Leslie Martin, associate professor of sociology and anthropology at UMW heard about the campaign, and asked other faculty to help spread the word.

"I still can't get over how generously people responded. So many people sent money and passed the email on to everybody in their department, or to other people they knew. I got a few donations from people I didn't know, which is just amazing," Martin said.

According to Martin, it takes approximately \$3,500 to house one family, and UMW raised that amount in two weeks. Martin reached out to Kimmy Slater, a senior sociology major, for help in getting students involved with the campaign.

Students collected \$360 in do-



Courtesy of Eagle Eye

Martin is an associate professor of sociology and anthropology.

nations by going door to door in the residences halls. University President Rick Hurley matched student contributions. Through this and additional fundraising at the Thanksgiving dinner in Seacobeck Hall, students raised approximately \$1,000.

"[Fundraising] makes it seem like everyone is closer together in the school and community," said freshman Allie Cox.

Service plays a large role in the UMW community, and the fundraising program to raise money for Fredericksburg families showcases this value.

"It helps foster harmony between the city and students. It shows that students are not just out partying but are doing good things," said senior Stephanie Hein. "Also, as a Fredericksburg resident, I like seeing the students involved in the community."

When Martin submitted the last of donations from UMW

to the Central Virginia Housing Coalition, she said they expressed interest in coming to come to the university and giving a presentation about the family that received housing from UMW's contributions.

"I love the idea that this would be something very concrete for people to see. Here's a specific family that we have helped move from homelessness into housing," said Martin.

UMW faculty, staff and students successfully pulled together to support their community, but, as Martin pointed out, there is still more to do.

"Now I wonder what Mary Washington could do to create some kind of sustained effort to help with our affordable housing needs," said Martin. "I don't know what it is but I bet we could do something awesome. We've got smart people here, we could figure something out."

Honorable Mentions: The Success of the UMW Professional Community

The professional endeavors of the professors, administrators and faculty of the University of Mary Washington. Compiled from information provided in the UMW Newsletter, EagleEye.

Mary Parnell,

was selected by UMW as the Small Business Development Center Director for Client Services in the Fredericksburg office. As director, Parnell will direct consulting, management training, business research services and provide client support for businesses using the Fredericksburg office.

Zach Whalen,

assistant professor of English, participated in the recent Modern Language Association conference in Chicago. Whalen was part of a reading of electronic literature, a panelist on the roundtable discussion "Electronic Literature after Flash" and presented the paper "Ebooks, Typography and Twitter Art."

Chris Foss,

professor of English published a chapter titled, "Building a Mystery: Relative Fear and the 1990s Autistic Thriller" in Bloomsbury Press's "Kidding Around: The Child in Film and Media."

Jeff McClurken,

professor and chair of history and American studies, led a workshop at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. on Friday, Jan. 20. McClurken spoke about the wide-ranging aspects of digital humanities.

Jim Gaines,

professor in the department of Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures, published a translation of "Moving In," a tale by Alphonse Daudet. The translation was published in the December 2013 issue of Eerie Digest/TAEM, an online journal.

Stephen Farnsworth,

professor of political science and director of the University's Center for Leadership and Media Studies, delivered a Washington lecture, "Federalism, Separation of Powers and Mass Media Regulation in the United States. The lecture was delivered to political leaders in Zambia as part of the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Program.

Paul Fallon,

associate professor of linguistics, presented a paper, "The Tangled Web of Reconstructing Proto-Agaw Dorsal Consonants," at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Fallon's talk discussed the historical reconstruction of the Agaw, or Central Cushitic, languages spoken in the Horn of Africa.

Local Politics

Gillespie plans to challenge Warner for Virginia Senate seat

JOHNATHAN POLSON
Associate Editor

Political strategist Ed Gillespie announced his plans to challenge Virginia Sen. Mark Warner in the upcoming senatorial elections this November.

Gillespie formally announced his long-rumored run in a YouTube video on Thursday, Jan. 16. In the video, Gillespie appeared with his family and spoke of his experience in politics. In addition to announcing his campaign, Gillespie called out Sen. Warner, criticizing his support of tax increases and President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act.

"The American Dream is being undermined by policies that move us away from Constitutional principles of limited government and personal liberty," Gillespie said.

Gillespie criticized the ACA, declaring it a killer of jobs, and stated that as a senator for Virginia he would be "a leader for policies that grow the middle class and foster upward mobility."

As a former lobbyist, chairman of the Republican National Committee and counsel to former President George W. Bush, Gillespie is already well-known in Washington, D.C., and his bid was rumored for weeks be-

fore the official announcement.

With extensive experience and a network of political supporters, Gillespie is sure to pose a challenge to Warner, a popular senator in Virginia who was expected to easily win reelection.

"Until just a few weeks ago, it looked like Mark Warner was just going to cruise to victory in 2014," said Max Reinhardt, chairman of the University of Mary Washington College Republicans.

However, many Republicans believe Gillespie is the type of candidate needed to rouse support for their party in Virginia.

"With Ed Gillespie in the race, this is a fight now, and I think it's a fight we can win," said Reinhardt. "As an advisor to [Bush] and chairman of the RNC, he championed all sides of the conservative movement: fiscal responsibility, national defense and family values."

The race will be tight as the Commonwealth of Virginia remains questionable in terms of its political alignment as a whole. The commonwealth voted blue in the 2012 presidential election, while Democrat Terry McAuliffe was just inaugurated as governor earlier this month.

Warner has served Virginia as governor from 2002 through 2006 and worked in the U.S.



Courtesy of Flickr

Ed Gillespie, a political strategist announced that he plans to challenge Virginia Sen. Mark Warner for the Virginia senate seat.

Senate since 2008, where he led and championed bipartisan efforts on a multitude of issues. In response to Gillespie's announcement last Thursday, Warner released a statement asking Virginians to "rehire" him.

Warner avoided addressing Gillespie directly, stating,

"I look forward to putting my independent, bipartisan record up against whichever candidate the Republicans nominate at their convention in June."

Chris Dingus, president of the Young Democrats at UMW echoed the fact that Gillespie has yet to receive the nomination,

although he is currently the only Republican in the race.

"Gillespie could be a challenge to Warner because of his vast fundraising experience.

However, it is not certain that he will win the nomination," said Dingus. "If Gillespie were to win the nomination,

I do not think Warner would need to re-strategize, as he has a longstanding career of success in Virginia politics."

The RNC will nominate a candidate in June, and if Gillespie is chosen he will have five months to campaign against Warner's long history of success.

Great Lives Schedule

Tuesday, January 28 Jim Henson
Tuesday, February 4 Martin Luther King, Jr.
Thursday, February 6 Bob Dylan
Tuesday, February 11 The Hatfields and McCoys
Thursday, February 20 Jim Thorpe
Tuesday, February 25 Mata Hari
Thursday, February 27 Augustus
Tuesday, March 11 Henry Ward Beecher
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SPORTS

Student Spotlight

Senior basketball star finds family bonds on the court

REGINA WEISS
Sports Editor

University of Mary Washington senior basketball captain Sam Partonen has enjoyed personal and team success as a member of the women's basketball team. During her three years at UMW, she earned a first team title on the All-Capital Athletic Conference women's basketball team in both 2012 and 2013, and she joined her teammates among the Elite eight in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Women's Basketball Tournament, also in 2012.

Her coach and teammates agree that she is the thread that ties the team together.

Coach Deena Applebury called Partonen a "key contributing factor" in all the success of their team.

Aby Diop agrees that Partonen is a great influence to the team through her positivity and willingness to help her teammates, on and off the court.

"Specifically on the court, Sam is a phenomenal player who works hard every second she is on the court," said Diop,

lege Athletic Conference student athletes nominated to the Allstate Good Works Team. The Allstate Good Works Team recognizes a select group of college basketball student-athletes who have made significant contributions in their communities through volunteerism and civic service.

For Partonen, it's not about the individual accolades, but about being part of the team.

"Our team is the most positive, hard-working team I know, and that's the only reason I am able to experience any kind of individual success," she said.

Community service is an integral part of the team's off the court activities, she said.

In the fall, the team volunteered at the Richmond NASCAR race, serving food and cleaning dishes. The team also participates in Rappahannock Riverfest every year and volunteered at UMW's Good Neighbor Day last year.

"Coach Applebury instills in us the importance of giving back," Partonen said.

In her last year with the UMW Eagles, Partonen said she is ready to win, and she believes



Sam Partonen, number 15 on the UMW women's basketball team, is proud to be playing in her last year with the lady Eagles.

Courtesy of Kimmie Barkley

starting as point guard in every game, Partonen said she found

who that person is," Partonen said. "I don't think I would be

at UMW through the secondary education program next year.

Partonen started playing basketball in kindergarten, following in her older brother's footsteps. To her, dad was always "coach."

"The only reason I can successfully shoot a basketball is because of all the times my dad told me to 'reach into the cookie jar,'" she said.

Family is central to Partonen, and she calls her parents the two most important people in her life.

With the support of her family, Partonen played basketball through middle school and high school, serving as manager of her high school's team in seventh and eighth grade. She moved on to star on the varsity team as a high school freshman, starting every year and serving as captain for three.

Her high school coach and mentor, Coach Dade, still cheers her on at some of her UMW games.

Partonen, who was valedictorian of Robinson High School, said she chose UMW because of its strong basketball program, but found more than a sport.

"I'm fortunate in the fact that I have had an unforgettable time playing basketball here but that I've also gotten a really, really good education," she said.

During her freshman year at UMW, Partonen was a few face on the team with a coveted start-

ing position. The support from her and teammates helped her succeed in her new role.

"Coach Applebury has a way of believing in you even in the moments when you don't believe in yourself," Partonen said.

The team bond that existed as a freshman for Partonen is still in full swing today. Team chemistry, Partonen said, is one of the program's most essential components.

"Whether we are in study hall helping to tutor the younger girls, at Seaco having breakfast as a team or on the court rotating on defense, we always have each other's backs," she said.

Partonen is central to that bond, Applebury said.

"Through her leadership and mentoring abilities, along with her ability to take over a game and control the tempo for us, Sam helps mold our team together," Applebury said.

Last year, Partonen led the team with 102 assists and averaged 12 points per game. This season she averages 11.7 points per game, helping her team stay consistent with a 9-4 overall season thus far.

In her nearly 20 years of playing basketball, family has been the constant.

"I had my older brother growing up playing in the eul-de-sac, but now it really feels like I have 14 sisters," she said.



So far this year, Partonen was named to the Allstate Good Works Team in 2013, and is averaging 11.7 points per game.

Courtesy of Kimmie Barkley

a senior forward. "As a captain and leader she is always motivating us and leading vocally and by example."

Recently, Partonen achieved honors for her work outside the gym. She was one of four Col-

her team is too.

"This year, I think we have a team that is not only capable of doing great things, but is also extremely willing to do whatever it takes," Partonen said.

Since her freshman year,

herself through playing basketball at UM, thanks to her basketball family.

"I have not only discovered the person that I am, but I have also learned to be confident in

able to say that if it weren't for basketball, my teammates, and Coach Applebury."

Partonen, who grew up in Burke, Va., is an English major and plans to pursue her master's

Aqua Eagles just keep swimming toward season success

CHRIS MARKHAM
Staff Writer

While many University of Mary Washington students spent their winter breaks shielding themselves from the bitter cold of the "Polar Vortex," members of the UMW swim team were basking in the warm, sunny weather of Puerto Rico.

But it was not all rest and relaxation for the Eagles, as most of the eight-day vacation was spent rigorously training for the tough season ahead.

"We didn't really have a day off," said Freshman Shannon Coryell. "We practiced for four hours almost every day and we had to get up at 5 a.m. a few times. Swimming in an Olympic-sized pool made the intervals harder and each practice more intense."

The trip was also an opportunity for the squad to become closer as a team. The long trip and arduous workouts presented a glorious opportunity for the swimmers to become better acquainted with one another.

"We bonded as a team," said sophomore Matthew Garstka, "It brought us closer together

going into the second half of the season."

The Eagles put that training into action against the St. Mary's (Md.) Seahawks at home on Jan. 18.

The Hawks, who are consid-

"Our goal is to get all of our relays to NCAAs so we can have a strong presence there and hopefully break some records."

-Sophomore, Sean Mayer

ered to be UMW's biggest in conference competition, were handled by both the men's and the women's teams by a large margin Saturday afternoon.

The men's squad took down St. Mary's by a score of 126-78 and the women also came out on top 132-72.

"We had some great swims

today and everyone swam well," said sophomore Sean Mayer. "Our goal is to get all of our relays to NCAAs so we can have a strong presence there and hopefully break some records."

The men and women are now both 6-1 in the season and remain undefeated in Capital Athletic Conference competition at 3-0 apiece.

The meet against Saint Mary's also served as senior night for the Eagles.

On the men's side, Ryan McGhee, Nate Moyar and Carey Natoli were honored, and on the women's team, Mary-Patrick Bailey, Tara Banks, Kristen Callahan, Casey Dawson,

Amber Kerico, Elizabeth Lewan, Allison Martin, Catherine Perrin and Jessica Singer were honored.

"I'm going to miss the three senior captains dearly," said Coryell. "They have gone above and beyond their duties and treated me like part of the team."

Despite the victories, the teams are staying focused on the season ahead and not getting caught up in the success that they have had thus far. With the most important meets right around the corner, focus is the number one priority right now.

"We are in our heavy training phase," said Mayer. "It is our

hardest part of the year."

Because the swim season is such a long one, peaking is an extremely important concept for the coaches to incorporate into the training program.

"In a few weeks we begin what we call 'taper' which is where we start to rest our muscles and get ready for confer-

ences," said sophomore Vance Solseth.

Though the rest of the season may not include sandy beaches and warm sun, the Eagles are hoping that it does end with some hardware and broken records.



Courtesy of UMW Athletics

The UMW swim teams spent Winter Break in Puerto Rico, practicing for their Spring season.

SPORTS



Courtesy of Regina Weiss

The fields at the Battle Grounds Athletic Complex were covered in more than two inches of white powder after Tuesday's snow storm that closed campus on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Farinet scores record 42 points for 15 ranked Eagles

ADAM HAGER
Staff Writer

Nearing the halfway point in their season, the University of Mary Washington's men's basketball team has every reason to be high on confidence as they enter the heart of conference play.

After posting an impressive 11-2 record entering the first week of spring semester classes, the Eagles took on 26th ranked and Capital Athletic Conference newcomer Christopher Newport University (11-4, 4-3) on Wednesday night at the Anderson Center.

A decisive 76-65 victory over the Captains put the Eagles at 6-1 in the CAC and helped push them up five spots to no. 15 in the national rankings.

Head coach Rod Wood is more than pleased with the team's hot start.

"If you were to ask me before the season, would you take 11-2? I'd be ecstatic about it."

After a 2-0 start to the season, a one-point loss at Hampden-Sydney looked to slow the Eagles down. Instead, the Eagles won nine games in a row and did not lose again until Jan. 8.

"Overall, it's been a very pleasurable year, but I think that has less to do with the win-loss record and more to do with the guys on the team and how hard they work," Wood said. "As a coach, you want your team to play as close to maximum on a daily basis and my team does that."

Impressive wins over St. Mary's (Md.) and, in a double overtime thriller, Va. Wesleyan highlighted the nine game win streak before the Eagles eventually fell by one point to 16th ranked Wesley in Delaware.

Heading into last Wednesday night's contest, Wood knew CNU would give their best shot coming off two losses of their own.

"I expect the best game



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Senior forward Dylan Farinet scored 42 points Saturday against Penn-State Harrisburg to help the Eagles win 88-47.

they've played all year," Wood said in a pregame interview. "They can't afford to lose another one."

A large and lively crowd at the Anderson Center helped the Eagles keep pace with the early barrage of 3-pointers from the Captains, who went 7-14 from beyond the arc in the first half.

Two quick fouls on senior forward and second leading scorer Dylan Farinet limited his minutes and impact on the game early on, despite still managing four early points.

Senior guard Bradley Riester, the team's leading scorer at just under 20 points per game entering the contest, did not get

a shot off until five minutes into the game and was held in check for the better

part of the half.

"If I had to guess, they're going to try to take Bradley Riester away," Wood said

before the game. "That's what everybody else has done."

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Despite Wood's somewhat prophetic remarks, the rest of the team started to heat up midway through the half as senior guard Dom Morra found Daniel, an-

other senior guard, for a driving layup and a chance for a three point play at the 12:55 mark.

Sophomore forward John Yoxthimer saw 14 minutes of action and totaled eight points in the opening half.

The Eagles took the lead with five minutes to go in the half at 26-24 as back-to-back backcourt CNU turnovers led to easy layups.

Despite letting the Captains shoot 54.2% from the floor in the opening half, the Eagles took a 38-35 lead into the break, much to the help of 13 points off turnovers and hitting 13-17 free throws to CNU's 2-4.

Six quick CNU points erased

the Eagles' narrow lead before Taylor Johnson's three pointer put the Eagles back up 52-49 at the 13:20 mark.

Johnson, a junior guard and 46.7 percent three point shooter, finished with a game-high 19 points while connecting on nine of 10 free throws.

A hustle play and behind the back pass by Morra led to a three by Farinet with just under 10 minutes to go.

Riester, who only took two shots from the field in the second half and still finished with 10 points, connected on a three pointer on the left wing with 5:43 to play that sent the Eagles' lead to 10.

Fourteen second half points from both Farinet and Johnson set the pace for the Eagles as they were eventually able to cruise in the last few minutes of the game before winning with a score of 76-65.

Just three days later on Saturday, the Eagles hosted Penn State Harrisburg (6-9, 3-4) at the Anderson Center for a Saturday afternoon contest.

A lopsided 88-47 win over the Nittany Lions put the Eagles at 7-1 in the CAC as they remain undefeated at home for the season.

A school-record 42 points in just 31 minutes by Farinet paced the Eagles as 13 players saw action on the court.

One more victory guarantees the Eagles a winning season. This would be the 11th season in the last 12 where the Eagles would finish with a winning record.

Regardless of how it ends, this year's team is looking to improve on what has already been an incredible start.

The Eagles will take on Frostburg State at the Anderson Center at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29. Admission is free for students with a UMW ID and \$5 for general admission.

Upcoming Games

Basketball

Thursday, Jan. 23 vs. Southern Virginia

Women: 6 p.m.

Men: 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 29 vs. Frostburg State

Women: 6 p.m.

Men: 8 p.m.

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